

ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

June 9, 2015

3:00 P.M.

Present - President Scott, Councilmember Conklin, Haag, Miller, McFadden, Ortiz, Palumbo, Patterson, Spaul - 9.

Absent - None - 0.

The Council President requested the Council to rise for a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF AND ACTION UPON LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Conklin moved to discharge Int. No. 145 from committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember McFadden.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes - President Scott, Councilmembers Conklin, Haag, McFadden, Miller, Ortiz, Patterson, Spaul - 8.

Nays - None - 0.

Councilmember Palumbo abstained because of a professional relationship

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2015-151
Re: 2015-16 Consolidated Community
Development Plan - Landlord Tenant
Services

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the Landlord Tenant Services program as described in the 2015-16 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Community Development Plan (Con Plan), contingent upon Council adoption of the Con Plan. This legislation will:

1. Appropriate \$85,000 from the Improve the Housing Stock and Property Conditions fund of the 2015-16 Con Plan for implementation of the Landlord Tenant Services program; and

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2. Establish \$85,000 as maximum compensation for an agreement with the Legal Aid Society of Rochester, New York, Inc. to provide housing stabilization services to tenants and landlords.

The cost of the agreement will be financed from the appropriation herein.

The Legal Aid Society will serve as lead agency in partnership with Legal Assistance of Western New York. Services for both landlords and tenants include:

- Training for landlords on operating rental property as a business, and compliance with fair housing quality standards; and
- Eviction prevention services for tenants to re-establish or attain stable housing situations.

The City will enter into agreements for this program only with organizations that are in compliance with federal regulations. If funds are different, not available, or are less than anticipated, the agreement amounts and terms will be adjusted accordingly.

Agreement terms will be for nine months.

Respectfully submitted,
Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

Attachment No. AO-92

Ordinance No. 2015-151
(Int. No. 145)

Authorizing an agreement and appropriating funds from the 2015-16 Consolidated Community Development Plan for landlord/tenant services

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to implement the Landlord/Tenant Services Program with the Legal Aid Society of Rochester NY Inc. in a maximum amount of \$85,000. The term of the agreement shall be nine months. The agreement shall be funded by \$85,000 from the Improve Housing Stock and Property Conditions Fund of the 2015-16 Consolidated Community Development Plan, which amount is hereby appropriated for the program. If funds are not available or are less than anticipated the agreement amounts and terms shall be adjusted accordingly.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate. The City will enter into agreements for this program only with organizations that are in compliance with federal regulations.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes - President Scott, Councilmember Conklin, Haag, McFadden Miller, Ortiz, Patterson, Spaul- 8.

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Nays - 0.

Councilmember Palumbo abstained because of a professional relationship

Councilmember Palumbo moved to discharge Int. No. 146 from committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Patterson.

Adopted unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2015-152
Re: 2015-16 Consolidated Community
Development Plan - Foreclosure
Prevention Services

Council Priority: Rebuilding and
Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to foreclosure prevention activities as described in the 2015-16 Consolidated Community Development Plan (Con Plan), contingent upon its adoption. This legislation will:

1. Appropriate a total of \$195,600 from the 2015-16 Improve Housing Stock and Property Conditions fund of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of the Con Plan for implementation of foreclosure prevention services.
2. Establish maximum compensation for agreements with two agencies to provide foreclosure prevention services. The cost of these agreements will be financed from the funds appropriated herein.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Housing Council in the Monroe County Area, Inc.	\$170,100
Empire Justice Center	<u>25,500</u>
	\$195,600

These two organizations are uniquely qualified. The Housing Council in the Monroe County Area, Inc. is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency with the capacity to handle a large volume of cases. The Housing Council's services include review of households' financial circumstances and negotiation with lenders to resolve mortgage arrears. The Empire Justice Center is a leader in developing statewide standards for legal services for foreclosure prevention. The Empire Justice Center will provide legal advice and litigation services when required by analysis of clients' circumstances.

The City will enter into agreements for this program only with organizations that are in compliance with Federal regulations. If funds are different, not available, or are less than anticipated, the agreement amounts and terms will be adjusted accordingly.

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Agreement terms will be for nine months.

Respectfully submitted,
Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

Attachment No. AO-93

Ordinance No. 2015-152
(Int. No. 146)

Authorizing an agreement and appropriating funds for the Foreclosure Prevention Program

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to implement the Foreclosure Prevention Program with the Housing Council of the Monroe County Area, Inc. in a maximum amount of \$170,100.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to implement the Foreclosure Prevention Program with the Empire Justice Center in a maximum amount of \$25,500.

Section 3. The agreements shall obligate the City to pay an amount not to exceed \$195,600, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be funded from the Improve Housing Stock and Property Conditions Fund of the 2015-16 Consolidated Community Development Plan, which amount is hereby appropriated for the program. If funds are not available or are less than anticipated the agreement amounts and terms shall be adjusted accordingly.

Section 4. The agreements shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate. The City will enter into agreements for this program only with organizations that are in compliance with federal regulations.

Section 5. The agreements shall be for a term of nine months.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2015-153
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Re: 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated
Community Development Plan and
2015-16 Annual Action Plan

Council Priority: Rebuilding and
Strengthening Neighborhood Housing;

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Jobs and Economic Development

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan and the 2015-16 Annual Action Plan. This legislation will:

1. Approve the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan and the 2015-16 Annual Action Plan;
2. Authorize the submission of the Plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
3. Authorize agreements with HUD for the receipt and use of grants to fund the Annual Action Plan;
4. Appropriate \$150,000 in Urban Development Action Grant principal and interest repayments projected to be received during the 2015-16 program year for the City Development Fund;
5. Amend the 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 Consolidated Community Development Plan-Annual Action Plans by transferring Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as follows: from 2008-09, \$4,283.43 from Job Creation/Youth Development allocation of General Community Needs and \$133,563.56 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund; from 2009-10, \$75,183.68 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund; from 2010-11, \$29,947.01 from the Job Creation/Youth Development allocation of General Community Needs; from 2011-12, \$23,609.97 of the Focused Investment Strategy allocation from the Neighborhood Asset Based Planning Fund; from 2012-13, \$27,165.50 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund and \$0.44 from the Employment Opportunity Training (Youth Training Academy) allocation of General Community Needs; from 2013-14, \$552,835 from the Focused Investment Strategy Allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund; and from 2014-15, \$1,392,772 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund and \$9,354.41 from the Job Creation/Youth Development allocation of General Community Needs to the Infrastructure Improvements allocation of General Community Needs for a total of \$2,248,715 of CDBG funds to a new line, Infrastructure Improvement allocation, for the respective years.

In addition, reprogram 2013-14, \$200,000 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund to the Demolition allocation of the Housing Development Fund. Reprogram 2013-14, \$25,000 and 2014-15 \$50,000 from Fire Department Small Equipment allocation of General Community Needs to Business Development Loan and Grant Program of Promote Economic Stability. Attached is a chart showing the reprogramming and transfer of funds.

6. Authorize the Director of Finance to record all transfers herein and to make adjustments to the amounts set forth below which may have changed prior to the date of this ordinance.

The Consolidated Community Development Plan consists of a Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plans. The Plan addresses the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's planning and

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application requirements for their formula grant programs, which include: the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. HUD requires jurisdictions to prepare multi-year strategies and one year action plans for use of federal funds. The Strategic Plan covers the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. The Annual Action Plan covers the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The Annual Action Plan describes specific projects and activities that will be undertaken in the coming year with federal funds to address priority needs. Community input was solicited at public meetings held on January 14, 20 and 22, 2015. In addition, 10 focus group meetings were held and a survey was available on-line and in print for public comment.

The estimated total of funds available for 2015-16 is \$14,314,798 from the following sources:

CDBG	\$ 7,791,818
HOME	1,758,789
Emergency Solutions Grant	709,872
HOPWA	680,604
CDF	150,000
CDBG Program Income	600,000
HOME Program Income	100,000
Reallocation of Prior Year CDBG Funds	<u>2,523,715</u>
Total	\$14,314,798

The amount of federal allocations, program income, City Development Fund and reprogrammed funds available to address the priority needs and strategies is estimated to be \$14,314,798. These funds will be used for the following purposes: Promote Economic Stability (\$1,380,000); Improve the Housing Stock (\$9,284,186); Respond to General Community Needs (\$2,686,115); and Other (\$964,497).

Significant allocation highlights include:

- \$1,030,000 for Business Development Financial Assistance Program
- \$2,248,715 for Infrastructure Improvements
- \$854,043 for the Homeownership Fund
- \$270,000 for Job Creation and Youth Development

Approval by the City Council of the Annual Action Plan is required by HUD. Approval of the City Development Fund is required by Resolution 83-26 (adopted May 24, 1983).

A public hearing on the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan, the 2015-16 Annual Action Plan, and the reprogramming of funds is required.

Attachment No. AO-94

Councilmember Palumbo moved to discharge Int. No. 147 from committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Conklin.

Adopted unanimously.

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Ordinance No. 2015-153
(Int. No. 147)

Approving the Consolidated Community Development Plan 2015-16 Annual Action Plan and the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Council the Draft Consolidated Community Development Plan/2015-16 Annual Action Plan to be financed with \$14,314,798 available to the City of Rochester from the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, Urban Development Action Grant loan and interest repayments, other program income and reallocation of prior year funds, and the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plans were prepared according to an approved Citizen Participation Plan and reflect public comments and consultations; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed plan was published in the Democrat and Chronicle on April 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, citizens, public agencies and other interested parties were invited to submit comments by May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the needs, strategies and proposed actions with City staff; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the Draft Consolidated Community Development Plan/2015-16 Annual Action Plan and the needs, strategies, proposed actions and annual performance and the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the public comments and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby adopts the Draft Consolidated Community Development Plan/2015-16 Annual Action Plan and the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby directed to prepare detailed programs and specifications for the various actions and to submit said plans to City Council for approval prior to implementation.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

Councilmember Palumbo moved to discharge Int. No. 148 from committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Spaul.

Adopted unanimously.

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Ordinance No. 2015-154
(Int. No. 148)

Authorizing the submission of the Consolidated Community Development Plan 2015-16 Annual Action Plan and the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan and execution of grant agreements with the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the Consolidated Community Development Plan/2015-16 Annual Action Plan, and the 2015-16 through 2019-20 Consolidated Community Development Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Mayor is hereby further authorized to provide any such information that may be required and to execute all necessary grant agreements with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Program Year beginning July 1, 2015.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

Councilmember Haag moved to discharge Int. No. 149 from committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Spaul.

Adopted unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2015-155
(Int. No. 149)

Appropriation of funds for the City Development Fund

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. As part of the Consolidated Community Development Plan/2015-16 Annual Action Plan, the Council hereby appropriates the sum of \$150,000 in anticipated UDAG Loan Repayment Funds and reversionary interest payments and interest, to be utilized as capital for the City Development Fund.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements as may be necessary for the implementation of programs funded by the appropriations made herein.

Section 3. The agreements shall contain such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

Councilmember Palumbo moved to discharge Int. No. 150 from committee.

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The motion was seconded by Councilmember Patterson.

Adopted unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2015-156
(Int. No. 150)

Authorizing Amended Consolidated Community Development Program Annual Action Plans

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby approves amendments to prior year Consolidated Community Development Annual Action Plans as set forth below:

Amendments:

Amend the 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 Consolidated Community Development Plan-Annual Action Plans by transferring Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of 2008-09 \$4,283.43 from Job Creation/Youth Development allocation of General Community Needs, and \$133,563.56 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund; 2009-10 \$75,183.68 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund; 2010-11 \$29,947.01 from the Job Creation/Youth Development allocation of General Community Needs; 2011-12 \$23,609.97 of the Focused Investment Strategy allocation from the Neighborhood Asset Based Planning Fund; 2012-13 \$27,165.50 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund and \$.44 from the Employment Opportunity Training (Youth Training Academy) allocation of General Community Needs; 2013-14 \$552,835 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund; and 2014-15 \$1,392,772 from the Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund and \$9,354.41 from the Job Creation/Youth Development allocation of General Community Needs to the Infrastructure Improvements allocation of General Community Needs for a total of \$2,248,715 of CDBG funds to a new line, Infrastructure Improvement allocation for the respective years. In addition, \$200,000 from the 2013-14 Focused Investment Strategy allocation of the Neighborhood Asset Planning Fund is transferred to the Demolition allocation of the Housing Development Fund. Amend the 2013-14 and 2014-15 CDBG by transferring \$25,000 from 2013-14 and \$50,000 from 2014-15 Fire Department Small Equipment allocation of General Community Needs to the Business Development Loan and Grant Program of Promote Economic Stability.

Section 2. The Director of Finance shall record all transfers herein and shall have the authority to make adjustments to the amounts set forth which may have changed prior to the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

Councilmember Spauld moved to discharge Int. No. 168 from committee.

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The motion was seconded by Councilmember Patterson.

Adopted unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2015-157

Re: Amendatory Agreements -
Summer of Opportunity Program

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the implementation of the 2015 Summer of Opportunity Program (SOOP). This legislation will:

1. Appropriate \$174,000 from the Job Creation/Youth Development Allocation of the 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), contingent upon approval of the Consolidated Community Development Plan by Council;
2. Authorize an amendatory agreement with the New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL) for the receipt and use of an additional \$50,000 of summer jobs program grant funding (for a total of \$300,000) received through the efforts of Senator Joseph Robach;
3. Authorize amendatory agreements with Baden Street Settlement of Rochester, Inc. to be funded from the NYS DOL funds described above:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Revised Total</u>
Arts and Youth	\$15,654	\$1,600	\$17,254
Multimedia	\$21,205	\$1,800	\$23,005

SOOP Program Overview

The City's SOOP collaborates with the separately-funded RochesterWorks' Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) to conduct joint recruitment and application intake for all applicants ages 14 to 20 years old seeking summer employment. There are two parts of the program: work experience through external contracts with agencies who take on groups of youth (Tier 1), and direct City-provided jobs (Tier 2). There will be a total of 451 jobs.

In March, Council authorized the acceptance of \$250,000 in NYS DOL grant funding, and approved 13 external agency contracts (Tier 1), serving 221 youth, at a total cost of \$276,091 (Ord. No. 2015-79). Under the two amendatory agreements herein (necessitated due to a calculation error during the request for proposals review), the external agency total is now \$279,491.

Updated Funding Summary

2015-16 Job Creation/Youth Development CDBG	\$174,000
NYS DOL Grant	300,000
2015-16 DRYS Budget (contingent upon Council approval)	<u>51,491</u>
Total Funding	\$525,491

Updated Program Summary

External Agency Contracts (Tier 1)	\$279,491
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Internal Jobs (Tier 2)	<u>246,000</u>
Total Program Expenses	\$525,491

Internally Administered Jobs (Tier 2)

Under Tier 2, SOOP jobs are provided by the City and private sector businesses, for a total of 230 positions. These jobs are based on the City pay schedule and payroll is administered directly by the City. Dream BIG² (Believe In Guys & Girls) is a program that will focus on life skills enrichment, leadership development and college awareness for youth in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades. It will serve 40 students for 15 weeks in the fall, and 40 students for 15 weeks in the spring. A \$225 stipend will be given at the end of each 15 week cycle for the students that finish with a 90% attendance rate. SOOP private sector jobs will be contracted out to businesses and employers interested in hiring youth for the summer and year-round. These youth will be paid \$9.00 per hour, 20 hours per week, for 6 weeks.

<u>Program</u>	<u>No. of Youth</u>	<u>Funding</u>
DRYS:	50	
Recreation Youth Worker	15	
Junior Recreation Leader	10	
Biz Kid\$	<u>75</u>	\$126,750
Teens on Patrol (TOPS)	10	18,900
SOOP City Hall	15	28,350
Dream BIG ²	<u>80</u>	<u>18,000</u>
City subtotal	180	192,000
SOOP Private Sector	<u>50</u>	<u>54,000</u>
Tier 2 Jobs Total	230	\$246,000

Respectfully submitted,
Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2015-157
(Int. No. 168)

Authorizing amendatory agreements and appropriating funds for the Summer of Opportunity Youth Program

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into amendatory agreements to implement the Summer of Opportunity Youth Program with the organization listed below for the maximum amounts stated below. The cost of said agreements shall be funded by \$3,400 from the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Baden Street Settlement of Rochester, Inc./Arts and Youth: Original amount \$15,654; added amount \$1,600, new total \$17,254.

Baden Street Settlement of Rochester, Inc./Multimedia; Original amount \$21,205; added amount \$1,800, new total \$23,005.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an amendatory agreement with the New York State Department of Labor for the receipt and use of an additional \$50,000 grant for a summer jobs program, and such funds are hereby appropriated for the Summer of Opportunity Youth Program.

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Section 3. The sum of \$174,000 is hereby appropriated for the Summer of Opportunity Program from the Job Creation/Youth Development allocation of the 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant contingent upon approval thereof.

Section 4. The agreements shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate.

Section 5. The agreements shall be for a term of one year with an option to extend for an additional one year if funds remain in the original appropriation.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Hazel L. Washington
City Clerk